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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES:

CONSIDERATION WITH A VIEW TO ADOPTING, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 27 OF THE CONVENTION, PROCEDURES AND INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR THE RESOLUTION OF QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE WITH REGARD TO IMPLEMENTATION

CONSIDERATION WITH A VIEW TO PROPOSING FOR ADOPTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 28, PARAGRAPHS 2 (A) AND 6 OF THE CONVENTION, AN ANNEX CONTAINING ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION PROCEDURES

Resolution of question; annexes on arbitration and conciliation procedures

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole on the basis of informal consultations

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the provisions of article 27 of the Convention, which states that the Conference of the Parties shall consider and adopt procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions that may arise with regard to the implementation of the Convention,

Recalling also article 28, paragraph 2 (a), of the Convention, which refers to arbitration procedures to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties in an annex as soon as practicable,

Recalling further article 28, paragraph 6, of the Convention, which refers to conciliation procedures to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties in an annex as soon as practicable,

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Bearing in mind that the Conference of the Parties, at its first session, decided 1/ to include consideration of the issues referred to in the foregoing paragraphs as selected items on the agenda for its second session,

1. Takes note of the report of the secretariat on such issues; 2/

2. Decides to consider the issue further at the third session of the Conference of the Parties in the light of the progress of the negotiations on the same issues in other relevant environmental conventions with a view to deciding how to take this matter forward;

3. Decides also to consider at the third session of the Conference of the Parties the establishment of an open-ended ad hoc group to examine and make recommendations on the issues of arbitration and conciliation procedures, taking into account the document prepared by the secretariat. 2/

1/ Decision 9/COP.1.

2/ ICCD/COP(2)/10.